The offer for talks have been made by the Government in view of its commitment of resolve all issues through negotiations. The Government are firmly of the view that violence has no place in a democratic polity and the people by and large want peace and an end to violence.

Pre-1953 status for J&K

†3413. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned Advani's remark on pre-1953 status of J&K hailed published in the 'Daily Observer' dated 8th April, 2000;

(b) if so, whether Government has expressed its consent to consider the offer regarding status of Jammu & Kashmir as in 1953;

(c) if so, when; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) The State Government of Jammu & Kashmir have endorsed the recommendations of the State Autonomy Committee set up by the State Government, which basically speaks of going back to pre-1953 status. Government of India has decided to set up a Committee of secretaries to comprehensively examine the report.

College girl raped in Bihar

3414. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item titled She celebrated Women's day, then died of gangrape as appeared in the "Indian Express' dated 15th March, 2000;

(b) whether the number of rape cases in Bihar State has zoomed up from 1034 in 1995 to 2010 in 1999;

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(d) whether the collage girl was gangraped on 11th March, 2000 in the locality barely three days after she had participated in a rally held by her collage to observe International Women's Day; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) if so, whether the culprits have since been apprehended and police action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Delhi as most unsafe city for women

3415. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item titled no place is safe for a woman as reported in The Times of India dated 9th March, 2020;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the National Crime Records Bureau has projected that Delhi will become the most unsafe city for women by 2000;

(c) whether the number of cases of cruelty by husbands or in-laws to the newly wedded girls have jumped up in the last two years; and

(d) if the answers to above parts be in affirmative what concrete steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The number of such cases reported in Delhi during the last three years was a follows:—

1997	1998	1999
848	776	989

(d) The steps taken to prevent crime against women include streamlining the functioning of Crime against Women Cell; deployment of police personnel at the Girls/Women institutions to instil a sense of security; and preventive action against the persons known or suspected to be indulging in crime against women.